Dear Mark

UK governance post-Brexit – intergovernmental relations

Thank you, again, for your attendance at the meetings of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee on 23 and 30 April. Both sessions were informative and the discussions assisted us as we prepared our report on the Welsh Government’s Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.2) on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

You will recall that future intergovernmental relations and the Committee’s report on UK governance post-Brexit were discussed during both meetings. Recommendation 9 of that report stated:

We recommend that the Welsh Government enters into an inter-governmental relations agreement with this Committee to support the scrutiny of Welsh Government activity in this area.

During the Plenary debate on the report on 28 February, the Counsel General said the Welsh Government is happy to discuss with us the content of an agreement on intergovernmental relations. He added that, in doing so, the Welsh Government would want to consider the agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government.

At our meeting on 30 April, you also reiterated the Welsh Government's willingness to work with this committee in developing the arrangements that will be needed on the part of the legislature to oversee the actions that will flow from the Intergovernmental Agreement on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and the Establishment of Common Frameworks.
As a first step in the process, I think it would be helpful to meet and discuss how we take this work forward and I would be grateful if you could let me know when might be convenient.

I am copying this letter to the Llywydd, the First Minister, the Counsel General, the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee and the Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Mick Antoniw
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.